

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:539  
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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RAILWAYS  
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has been actively considering to bring amendments to the Railways Act to involve more private sector participation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ensure that private sector participation is not going to affect the Railways adversely; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU )

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Adequate safeguards are provided in project-related agreements to ensure safe and adequate maintenance and operation of the system.